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1. Muhammad Bay NADIN and Khalid al-HAKBUNI who arrived by air from Cairo a few days ago, told source that King FARUQ is fully aware that the Grand Mufti is contacting the Russian Embassy in Egypt through SULZANOV, one of the Embassy's most active senior officials. The Mufti is trying to get Russian aid to save Palestine from partition, promising the Soviets that in return he will try to persuade the Arabs to side with Russia in the coming war.
2. NADIN and al-HAKBUNI said the Egyptian Government has found documents which prove the Mufti's Soviet contacts and indicate that he intended to go secretly to Russia or the satellite countries.
3. Because of this, and other unspecified reasons connected with the Palestinian Arab government, FARUQ has ordered the Mufti placed under strict surveillance, and any action taken, legal or otherwise, necessary to prevent him leaving Egypt.

(F) F-4 This source with good contacts in Lebanese Society.
(E) F-7 Moslem lawyer from Damascus.

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